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Religious Freedom in Schools

by Cerridwen

As a Pagan parent, I understand the value of my children learning comparitive religion. However, I also feel that this learning must be taught within the bounds of intelligence and tolerance.

At the start of this school year, I had refused permission for my son to attend or participate in the religious education class given at our public school. Written conformation of my refusal is in his school file. My concern is with the dogmatic, and 'authoritative', manner in which Christianity is presented by Christians.

Imagine my reaction when my son brought home a new testament bible from school several weeks ago! That morning while the religious class was assembled in a classroom (my son & three others were OUTSIDE the room working in the hallway) a man from Gideon bibles arrived to distribute the testaments only to those children in the religious ed. course. However, ever proselytizing, he handed them out to every child in the area as well. This act was in direct violation of my written parental authority and my constitutional rights. Religion in the public schools is banned without parental consent on an individual basis, and as my rights were threatened, so did I.

The next morning, I returned the bible to the school office and informed the office staff that if my rights are ever violated again regarding religion, I will take the entire matter into court. I will not idly standby and allow any one to over-rule or ignore my parental and/or constitutional rights. I would like to hear from others about similar problems and how they were handled.

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SANCTUARY UPDATE

"It is thrifty to prepare today for the wants of tomorrow."

AESOP

(For the complete story on the Ohio Sanctuary project, see the Lammas, 1981 issue of the MAGICKAL UNICORN MESSENGER)

Well, we're off to a slow but steady start. Our savings account now holds $104 and a great deal of hope.

We'd like to send our thanks to all who have sent contributions and made purchases from our PAGAN PRODUCTS CATALOG (the profits of these sales go into the Sanctuary fund). We'd also like to send out thanks to those who have sent messages of encouragement and advice.

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SURVIVAL & SUBSISTANCE

Sanctuary Living PART 1

by Paul Doerr

EDITOR'S NOTE: Paul Doerr is the publisher of PIONEER, a newsletter of survival and subsistance. He writes columns for other newsletters besides his own.

The following is the first part in a series on beginning a sanctuary; i.e., where to look for a location, food to plant, types of shelter, etc. It was specially written for us by Mr. Doerr and it is with our deepest thanks to him for sharing this knowledge with our reader's that we now present it. (Check under Pagan Press for a listing on PIONEER and how to obtain more information on it.)

A pretty girl named Samantha wants a guide to creating a sanctuary, a subsistance farm where people could live and, perhaps, be safe. This is not an easy thing. So much must be taken into consideration. The experts in so many fields say it will all come down in the 1982/1984 period. This includes natural and manmade catastrophe from atomic/biological/chemical/conventional /weather-war, disease/plague/ pollution/contamination/food degradation/medical mistakes, invasion/riot/societal breakdown and many others. Pioneer #275 had a 10-pafe article on WW 3 and probable conditions then. Experts say we must live underground for at least 5 years after the last bomb balls because of air-carried microparticle/half-life length/sudden developing clouds of heavier contamination. The physical/psychical/ psychological/physiological problems must be considered. I have been studying these and related problems for many years. I was in the military and civilian medical, psychiatry and counseling, preventive medicine, have some degrees, etc., years ago disgusted with various things, I sat down and thought out some problems. We all have a little person living up in our skulls, who often is dissatisfied with us. We drift. We are acted upon. We react to stimuli. We do not usually plan. I decided where I wanted to go/why/how/what route/ when. Now, I am, at least, headed in my direction (which may not be yours) and that little alter-ego in my head is reasonably content, so I get less trouble with him and as long as he is satisfied, what difference does anyone else's opinion make? Now I have my own land again.

Man evolved in a semi-tropical savannah with minimal non-natural factors. Simply put, man's natural habitat is an herby/flowery grassland with scattered patches of trees and brush, and an even climate with few extremes. His natural food was mostly vegetative; greens, herbs, fruits, berries, nuts, seeds - with additions of meat - protein, whether insect, worm, small rodents and birds, fish, any larger creatures he could catch, etc. Bones of prehistoric creatures have been found with stone spearheads in their ribs, bones showing evidence of having been roasted and gnawed or split by pounding with stones to extract marrow, etc. Constructed fireplaces and walls have been found millions of years old.

Many good books are to be found: Olsens' SURVIVAL SKILLS, Smith's TREE CROPS, COON HUNTING PEOPLES, Taylor's DOOMSDAY BOOK, books by Euell Gibbons, Harry Browne, Howard Ruff, Bill Kaysing, Heinlein fiction (especially MOON IS A HARSH MISTRESS, STRANGER IN A STRANGE LAND, TUNNEL IN THE SKY), Cub/Boy Scout handbooks, Red Cross handbooks, MY SIDE OF THE MOUNTAIN(?), CHEMICAL & BIOLOGICAL WARFARE (Hersh), SURVIVAL FAMILY (Bergman), RAFT BOOK (Gatty), INDIAN SCOUT CRAFT & LORE (Eastman), AMERICAN BOYS HANDBOOK (Beard) 2 LITTLE SAVAGES (Seton), ONE STRAW REVOLUTION (Fukuoka), SURVIVAL GUNS (Tappan), FAMINE '75 (Paddock) - so call it FAMINE '85, facts don't change, BACK TO BASICS (Reader's Digest), books from Rodale Press (Emmons, Pa.), FUR FISH GAME (Columbus, Ohio), OUTDOOR LIFE. Plus so many more. These, some specialized like DRY FARMING (Widtsol) or CORN CROPS (Montgomery), but so many different fields are involved.

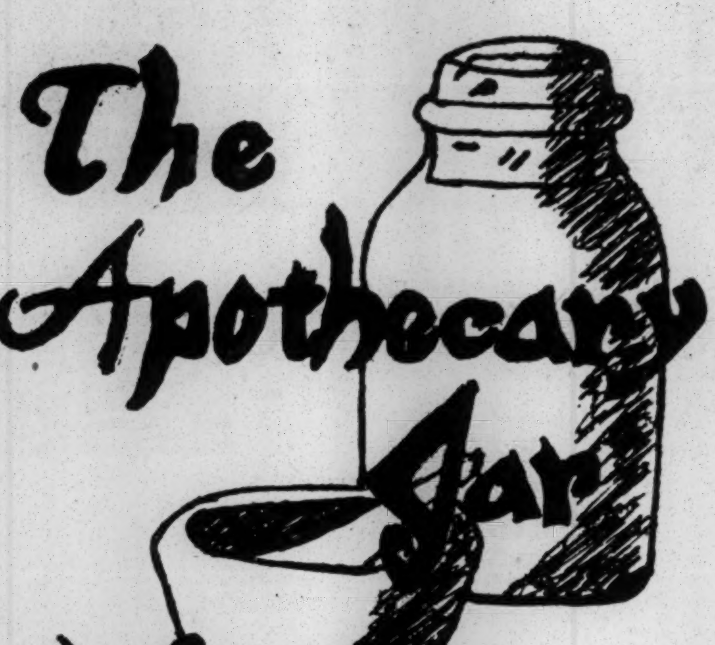
First is location. Be as far upwind as possible. Big cities, if H-bombed, will spread fallout hundreds of miles downwind (one of my Survival/Subsistance columns had a good description of atomic death and how some will live longer and travel farther so "rings" of dead will encircle crowded targets). Big citites, with their constant production of filth are constantly bombarding all downwind of them. Open uranium mine tailing piles on California's eastern border supply radioactive dust for the wind to pick up and deposit in a widening cone to the Atlantic coast. Even the cleanest atomic power plant emits contaminants. Lukemia increases 200% in the windshadow area (hundreds of miles) of every such plant. Coal-fired generators emit radioactive particles which have been imprisoned for ages in the coal. Experts call the westerlies a 3000 mile sewer flowing over the continent.

The clean parts of the West coast, with breezes moving onto land after a journey of thousands of miles over relatively clean (even yet, cleaner than land) oceans are as good as can be found in the northern hemisphere. Oceans and plankton produce over 80% of the Earth's oxygen. True, contaminants are creating wastelands of dead water, where even the sharks and pelagics die on entering but upwind is best. Trees produce oxygen and rake down the fogs. Bushes, grasses,and herbs, like trees, absorb contaminants and purify the air.

Where to buy your land? I owned a farn in the east. Govco decided to build a dam, took my land (and the lands of many others) and "gave me" about 25% of market value. The dam was named after a local politician, which was fair, I thought, since the land was all stolen. Also, dams can break, because of bombs, earthquakes or poor building practices. Stay out of valleys, especially those with dams or damable places. Stay out pf natural routes for roads, railroads, power and pipe lines. Stay out of lands in ares toward which cities are growing.

In the next issue, Mr. Doerr will discuss utilities, shelter, what and how to plant and other vital issues.

The Apothecary Jar



by Cerridwen

Now that many of the summer festivals and gatherings have successfully concluded (although there are several more around the country yet this year), I again have the time to write the Apothecary Jar column and discuss the nature of herbs; their uses, qualities, and preparations.

Many people use herbs. Their reasons are many and varied. Of this healthminded group, some forage for herbs in the woods and wilds; some grow them in their own gardens and windowsills; and yet others obtain their treasures from health-stores or mail-order botanical sources. In this issue, I shall be addressing those people in the first two groups, indeed all who obtain their herbs fresh.

While all parts of a plant contain chemicals, not all parts are valuable for teas or remedies. Respect our Mother (Nature) and take only the part or parts that will be of specific use to you. Garden or wild herbs should be gathered according to the nature of the part used. The preventive and remedial properties of your herbs will be more potent if gathered exactly when the special juices within the plant are most abundant.

Determine which part of the plant you will require (i.e., chamomile FLOWERS or peppermint LEAVES) and gather according to the following guide. (Although not a part of this guideline, do bear in mind that herbs for specific magickal purposes should also be gathered according to the phases and signs of the Moon most appropriate for its predetermined use.)

FLOWERS: Gather before or immediately after flowers open completely. Collect in clear, dry weather, in the morning after the dew has disappeared.

LEAVES: Gather at full development just before the flower fades. Biennial leaves should be gathered during the second year when they are strongest. Collect in clear, dry weather, in the morning after the dew has disappeared.

AROMATIC HERBS: Gather when in flower. Collect herbs, leaves, or flowers in dry, clear weather, in the morning after the dew has disappeared.

STALKS: Gather in the fall.

TWIGS: Gather in the fall.

BULBS: Gather after the new bulb is perfected, just before the leaves decay.

BARKS: Gather root, trunk, and branch bark in either the fall or early spring. Separate and discard all decaying material. Use only the inner bark of the Slippery Elm.

SEEDS: Collect at the time of full maturity.

RHIZOMES AND ROOTS:

Annuals - Gather just before flowering.
Biennials - Gather after vegetation of first year has ended.
Perennials - Gather either in the spring before vegetation begins or in the fall after vegetation ends.

Now that you have gathered your fresh herbs, you must do one of three things. You must either use them all immediately, discard the unused portions, or preserve them. Since it is rarely possible to use all of your assorted herbs as soon as they are gathered, and because to gather the herbs and then to throw them away is not only a waste of time and energy but also an atrocious abuse of Nature, it is necessary to know how to properly preserve the qualities and potentcy of the herbs for their future use. Please note that you should only gather and preserve enough of each herb to fulfill your needs for one year. Be prepared to replace your herbal apothecary yearly to insure the freshness and potentcy of each one! Besides only gathering what you can use in one year, you must be sure you have the facilities for drying or cooking the quanities you have collected, as well as the proper storage materials and space. And don't forget you must have the necessary time to devote to the task as the herbs cannot be hurried.

The next couple of issues will cover such topics as necessary storage materials, proper drying techniques and required times, advance preparations, and the detailed methods of preparing herbs using water, alcohol, vinegar, fats, oils, juices, sugar, and dry forms.

Until next time, happy and careful gathering...

The Zodiac

by Samantha

In the second of a four part series, we take a look at the Moon's influence upon us in the various signs of the zodiac.

MOON IN SCORPIO: In it's detriment here, Moon in Scorpio, have more than their share of stumbling blocks.

Although energetic, persistent and able to overcome almost impossible odds, when success does come, it usually brings more problems.

Given a phenomenal memory can be a curse for them and their psyche if the past holds many bad experiences. They are also good at hiding their feelings. They tend to be secretive in many areas.

Overindulgence in alcohol, drugs or intense family worries can plague them. Health problems can include hernia, urinary complaints and aneurysms.

In romance, lunar Scorpios often substitute sexual relationships for long-standing ones.

MOON IN SAGITTARIUS: If there is such a thing as over-optimism, then it is the lunar Sagittarian who can suffer from it. Gambling can become a problem but not because of greed. The Sagittarian is convinced he is a truly lucky person.

They are very philosophical and spiritual people and are often attracted to evangelic religions. This spirituality even carries over into their romantic lives.

They don't like facing failure in any aspect of their lives so with optimism they proceed around the corner where they are sure something better is waiting.

In health, weakness to gout is the only problem.

MOON IN CAPRICORN: Lunar Capricorns, tend to become workhorses in compensation for lack of a personal relationship.

They tend to fix all their hopes and fears on one idea and become almost obsessed by it. Their imagination can fool them because of this and when things don't go their way, they become depressed, suffer from false illusions and have a desire to drown their sorrows in drink.

Hostility, gloominess and brooding are their reactions to adverse situations.

In health, they are troubled by sinus problems, allergies and skin eruptions.

YOUNG PAGANS

Child Craft -
Building A Bird Feeder

This is the time of year when, in northern parts of countries, birds fly to warmer areas for the winter. Some kinds stay behind and for them eating can be a hard thing to do.

Being Pagans/Witches we are concerned with all of Nature and preserving it. Here is a simple little project that, with a little help from Mom or Dad, you can make to help our feathered friends make it through winter. (Even if you live in a warm area, you will enjoy the visits from the birds who will come and eat at your feeder.)

MATERIALS

2 - 9" aluminum pie plates (the disposable kind)
1 - 46 oz. juice can
1 thin-wired clothes hanger

TOOLS

Pliers   Wirecutters
Can/bottle opener
Something to punch holes in the pie plates

1) Take the top and bottom out of the juice can with an electric can opener
2) Around one end of the can, put holes in the can with the can with the can/bottle opener
3) Leaving the hook part on the hanger, for this will hang your feeder in a tree, but cut the hanger apart so it is one long piece. Then cut in long enough so it will pass through both pie plates and the juice can and can be bent back up about 3".
4) Before bending the hanger, place the first pie plate on the straight end, right side up, and bend the hanger up through it again.
5) Now place the juice can over the hanger, end with holes around it down, to rest on the pie plate.
6) Place a hole in the other pie plate and slide it over the hook end, upside down, onto the juice can.
7) When you wish to fill it with bird seed, either remove the upper pie plate, or lift it up, The seed will come out onto the bottom plate through the holes in the can.

HALLOWMAS HIDE 'N' SEEK

This issue you have a "haunting" word to use as your starting point. The author has found 231 words. See how many of them you can find. (Remember, no proper nouns, abbreviations, plurals or foreign words!)

POLTERGEIST

LAST HIDE 'N' SEEK'S ANSWER

Aeon, aero, an, aorta, are, arson, art, as, ash, ass, assent, assert, asset, assort, astern, at, ate, atone, avast, ave, aver, avert.

Ear, earn, earnest, earth, ease, east, eat, eaves, en, enter, eon, erst, ethane, ether, ethos, eve, even, event, ever.

Harass, hare, harness, hart, has, haste, hat, hate, have, have, haven, he, hear, hearse, heart, heat, heave, heaven, hen, her, here, hero, heron, hoe, hone, honest, horn, hornet, horse, hose, host, hot.

Nave, near, neat, nerve, nest, net, nether, no, nor, north, nose, not, note.

Oh, oar, oat, oath, on, one, onset, or, orate, ornate, ore, other, ova, oven, over, overhear, overseas, overshoe, overt.

Ran, rant, rash, rasher, rat, rate, rave, raven, re, reason, rent, reseat, resent, reset, rest, rev, roan, roast, roe, rose, rot, rota.

Sane, sash, sat, sate, sateen, savant, save, sea, sear, see, seer, sen, sense, sent, sere, serve, seste, set, seta, seven, seventh, sever, share, she, shear, sheave, sheen, sheer, sheet, shoe, shone, shore, shorn, short, shot, shove, snare, sneer, snore, snort, so, soar, son, sore, sort, sot, star, stare, starve, stave, steer, stereo, stern, stone, store, stove, stress, strove.

Tan, tar, tare, tarn, taro, tea, tear, tee, teen, ten, tenor, tense, tern, terse, test, than, thane, the, thee, then, there, these, those, thorn, three, throe, throne, to, toe, ton, tone, tore, toss, trash, trave, treason, tree, tress.

Van, vane, vas, vase, vast, vat, veer, vent, verse, verso, vest, vet, veto, vote.

Cerridwen's Wordsearch
"GREEK GODS"

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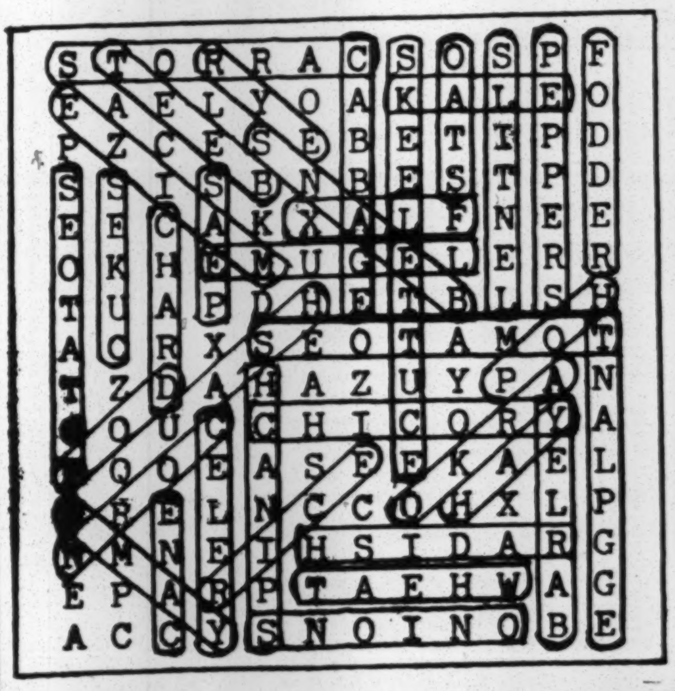
Below are listed thirty-four names of Greek Gods. They will be found horizontally, vertically, and diagonally, and both forwards and backwards. The first one has been done for you. Watch for the answer in the next issue.

APOLLO
ARES
ATTIS
BROMIOS
CONSUS
DIONYSUS
EROS
EVANDER
GLAUCUS
HADES
HELIOS
HEPHAESTUS
HERMES
IACCHOS
ISMENIUS
MARSYAS
OCEANUS

PAN
POSEIDON
PRIAPUS
PROTEUS
TALOS
URANUS
ZEPHYRUS
ZEUS
* CHTHONIOS
* ELEUTHERIOS
* GAMELIOS
* HERKEIOS
* KTESIOS
* MEILICHIOS
* POLEIUS
* SOTER
* XENIOS

(NOTE: Those names preceeded by an asterisk -*- denote the many personal names by which the God Zeus was, and is now, known by his devotees.)

ANSWER FOR
LAMMAS WORDSEARCH



POETRY PAGE

ON HALLOWMAS NIGHT
by Samantha & Pan

'Tis the season
of the year
When lost loved ones
now draw near.
To come and join us on
this night,
To dance and feast
with such delight.
The Horned One now
begins his reign,
Until the coming
of Spring again.
But don't be sad,
let your spirit soar-
For all that dies
is reborn once more.
So sing and dance
and feast with me
For all shall surely
"Blessed Be!"

A POEM TO PAEDA
from Taurhin

Laughing child of the forest
pool
Born of sparkles and lily
blooms
Daughter emerging wild and
free
Glistening with drifting
enchantment......
O dew drop adored by Ulmo
O tranquil Naiad risen-
Golden Lucina danced of You
Her smile a song of praises
O bairn of rivers rushing
O rain falling upon my
thirst-
Love unchained in souls of
each
Is ever your beauty flowing
Giggling Child immersed in
Love
Happily gulping at Life
O Daughter of the Mighty Ones
Bearing gifts of joy and
glee!

MINSTREL SONG
by L"Amber

Have you heard me tell the story of a minstrel
Good and true?
He wasn't very famous, cause he played for
Only a few.
Well one evening, while he traded his songs
For their love,
The bright Full Moon responded, and She sent a
Snow white dove.

He listened to the story from the Goddess far above.
She told him, he must follow, the guides of the dove.
The dove took flight and flew into the midnight blue.

He gathered up his instruments, and to the woods he
Fled.
He stopped from sheer exhaustion, pine needles were
His bed.
She came to him by dream that night, amid a falling
Snow.
"Be born again, come play to me, far in a special
Grove."

Well the minstrel carried pipes and strings across
The merry land.
Till a fine young maiden startled him, by the taking
Of his hand.
He told Her true, "I could well love you, but now it
Must be no,
For I have journeyed far and searched so long for a
Very special grove."

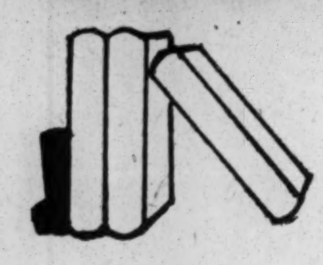
She smiled so sweet, Her skin like milk; a small
Crescent on Her brow.
She led him to a circle of pine and bid him to lie
Down.
Their love that night was pleasurable beneath the
Moon above.
And antlered Stags stood majestic guard around a
Sacred Grove.

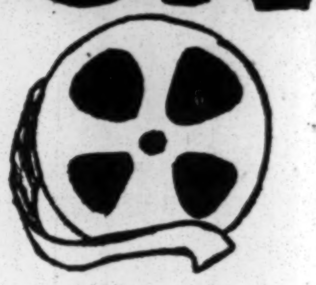
And now you have heard the story of the minstrel
Good and true.
He wasn't very famous, cause he played for only a few.
Well that evening while he traded all his songs for
Their love.
The bright Full Moon responded and She sent him all
Her love.

TRICK OR TREAT?
by Samantha

Trick or treat and the Great Pumpkin,
Isn't Halloween really somethin'?
Ghosts and goblins, Witches too,
Things that go bump and things that say "boo!"
Jack-o-lanterns burn so bright,
Their faces smiling in delight.
For they know what few men do,
That Halloween is something else too.
A celebration with those "departed",
Of an old year gone and a new one started.

MOVIE-BOOK REVUE





BOOKS, BOOKS, BOOKS!

THE COMPLETE BOOK OF NATURAL MEDICINES by David Carroll (large soft-bound edition published by Summit Books, New York. $7.95)

Thirty-nine common, everyday illnesses are discussed in this 414-page comprehensive book. Here you will find such natural methods of treatment as herbs, acupressure, reflexology, vitamin therapy, hydrotherapy, massage, homeopathy, fasting, breathing and exercise.

A book well worth placing in your library.

Samantha

MOON LORE AND MOON MAGIC by Al G. Manning (hard-cover edition published by Parker Publishing, Co. West Nyack, New York. $9.95)

Although I feel Mr. Manning could be a little less commercial in his approach to the public, I do feel this book has some good information and suggestions in it. Many may not agree with me, but I have tried "spells" from Mr. Manning's book and found success in their workings.

As with any "spell" book, it is not for everyone but definitely should not be totally disregarded.

Samantha

HELPING YOURSELF WITH THE POWER OF GNOSTIC MAGIC by Al G. Manning (hard-cover edition published by Parker Publishing, Co. West Nyack, New York. $9.95)

Another attempt by Mr. Manning to bring information to the public. The spells do produce results, maybe not as dramatic as claimed, but results. Not for everyone but informative at any rate.

Samantha

GOD OF AQUARIUS by Brad Steiger (paperback edition published by Berkley Books, New York. $2.50)

The better of the two I've read (the other being STAR PEOPLE). More informative on how the Star People are involved with the phenomenon happening around us and how they help those people in them.

I give it a gold pentagram.

Pan

HIGH MAGIC'S AID by Gerald B. Gardner (soft-bound edition published by Samuel Weiser, New York. $3.95)

Although this story was not exactly what I expected, I found it to be written in a style which automatically placed me in the setting as an observer. I actually felt I was there!

A good, interesting, entertaining story.

Samantha

THE TRUTH ABOUT WITCHCRAFT by Hans Holzer (paperback edition published by Pocket Books, New York)

For a beginner, seeking truths about the Craft, I would recommend this as one of the better books for factual information. Although not everyone will agree with everything said therein, I think you'll find Mr. Holzer did his homework well before writing this book.

Published in 1971 by Pocket Books, used book stores and libraries may have copies for the interested reader.

Samantha

THE PARASITE by Ramsey Campbell (paperback edition published by Pocket Books, New York. $2.95)

A good occult thriller about Grace and his attempted return to corporeal life. Enjoyable, I give it a gold pentagram.

Pan

MOVIES

DEADLY BLESSING

Although an Amish/Quaker-type religious group was called Hittite (boy, what a misnomer!), the movie was not as bad as I thought. If nothing else, the ending will totally blow any movie-goer's mind!

Not a movie I'd go to see twice but definitely worth seeing once.

Samantha

DRAGONSLAYER

A magickal, mythical-type story. Both funny and fascinating. Sorcerer and apprentice, sacrificial virgin, dragon - they're all in it. Definitely entertaining and worth going to see.

Samantha

EMBRYO (TV Movie)

I found it to be very similar to another movie which starred Ray Milland as the scientist who decides to experiment with "growing" a human. The difference being his was a clone of a collegue and here, our scientist, Rock Hudson, "grows" to adulthood, in no time flat, a fetus whose mother died. Another Frankenstein-type movie.

Samantha

THE BOOGENS

I was raised on horror films so there are very few that can cause me to scream. I didn't find the movie terrifying, but the element of surprise was WELL used. At one point in the film, I found myself screaming!

There are some things better left alone, as the advertisement for the film states. Curiousity didn't kill any cats in this film but it definitely caused the death of numerous.

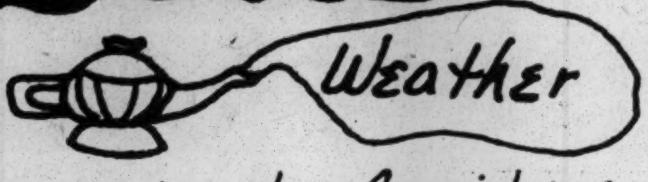
Want to be surprised and possibly scared? Go see "The Boogens".

Samantha

"The mind of man is capable of anything - because everything is in it, all the past as well as all the future." Joseph Conrad

LORE:

Weather



by Cerridwen

Weather magick has been known since the beginnings of time. Today, it is practiced by many Pagans and Witches as part of their everyday living (who wants to spend a leisurely afternoon sunbathing and swimming, only to have it cut short because a thunderstorm breaks loose?). The modes and methods of working such weather magick are as many and varied as the number of people who practice the Art. Therefore, I shall not begin to attempt to describe any of the actual practices employed.

Instead, I will only quote a number of verses which have been, and will continue to be, used as a means of predicting the weather. Most deal with the seasons, some with daily weather conditions, and all are quite fascinating and useful. I would welcome any and all comments from you, the readers. Perhaps some of you know of more prose and poetry concerning weather predictions that you would be gracious enough to share with all of us.

* Four days in the year give an epitome of what the coming weather is going to be like for the next quarter. These days are:

March 25th	Sept. 29th
June 24th	Dec. 25th

(Notice that the above dates are shortly after the Equinoxes and Solstices.) As the weather is on these dates, so it would generally be for the next quarter.

* Two dates of the year give a reverse forcast. That is, the weather on these dates means opposite weather conditions for awhile. They are:

Hallowmas -- Oct. 31st
Candlemas -- Feb. 2nd

* The reverse forcasts connected with Hallowmas are commenorated in the following folk-rhyme:

If ducks to slide at Hallowtide,
At Yuletide they will swim;
If ducks do swim at Hallowtide,
At Yuletide they will slide.

* The Candlemas folk-rhyme is as follows:

If Candlemas Day be fair and bright,
Winter will have another flight;
But if Candlemas Day be clouds and rain,
Winter is gone and will not come again.

So much for reverse forcasts. Now for some assorted weather rhyme and reason.

* After drought cometh rain,
After pleasure cometh pain,
But yet it continueth not so.
For after rain
Cometh drought again.
And joy after pain and woe.

* As the day lengthens,
So the cold strengthens.

* Pale Moon doth rain,
Red Moon doth blow,
White Moon doth neither rain nor snow.

* A ring around the Moon,
Rain coming soon.

* If the oak's before the ash,
Then you'll only get a splash.
If the ash preceeds the oak,
Then you may expect a soak.

(This observation concerns which tree first puts forth its leaves in the spring, and how much rain to expect afterwards.)

* When the mist comes from the hill,
Then good weather it doth spill.
When the mist comes from the sea,
Then good weather it will be.

('Spill' here means to spoil.)

* If on the trees the leaves still hold,
The coming winter will be cold.

* Onions skin very thin,
Mild winter coming in;
Onions skin thick and tough,
Coming winter cold and rough.

* Rain before seven,
Shine after eleven.

* A sun-shinny shower
Never lasts half-an-hour.

* Mare's tails and mackerel sky,
Not long wet and not long dry.

(This refers to a sky full of small, broken clouds.)

That's it, that's all I have. As I would very much like to add to what I have, and I'm sure others are also interested, I hope that some of you will hear my plea and submit a few of the prose and poetry that you may have concerning the weather. We will be more than happy to print them. Just let us know if it is alright to use your name in print.

Blessed Be...

"Ritually Speaking"

by Samantha

Whether you celebrate the Witches' New Year (Hallowmas) or the Gregorian calendar New Year (Jan. 1st) or even both, I think you'll find this simple little money/prosperity New Year's eve spell to be most helpful in assuring good conditions for the upcoming year.

This can be done by anyone, in any location and as many people as you want may be included in the good wishes for the New Year. As a matter of fact, it originated at a New Year's eve party of mine as my way of wishing those in attendance prosperity and good fortune for the upcoming year. It has since become a successful tradition.

Before midnight, assemble 1 stick each of frankincense and myrrh incenses and either a plain green candle anointed with frankincense and myrrh oils ot a special-made money candle in a candleholder.

At midnight, light your green candle and light your incense from the candle. If others wish to add their energies to yours, all the better. Now, you, and any others who are assisting, gaze for perhaps five minutes upon the candle flame, concentrating on things that would be considered good fortune for the coming year.

At this point, you form a thoughtform (concentrated thought energy) between your hands which you will send out to bring about your wishes. This is done by holding your hands, palms facing each other, about 4-6 inches apart and, sending the energy from the thoughts you have been concentrating on down your arms to collect between your palms. The idea is to gather so much energy that it becomes extremely difficult to hold your hands at the original 4-6 inch distance. When you find you can no longer contain the energy in this space, you throw it into the air (much the same as releasing a bird to flight) to the North, with the idea it will seek prosperity and good fortune for all.

May good fortune and prosperity be yours for the coming year!

TODAY'S PAGAN PRESS

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On the Scene...

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Although the area that was used as a group camp area had just been opened and was not quite ready, the owner made every effort to make us all comfortable and accomodated.

Those who came to sell their wares were numerous and a wide variety of items were available.

All the rituals were special in their own right, but I think the main ritual expressed the closeness and joy felt and shared by all.

The rains that did come several times definitely did not dampen the spirits of those in attendance and I feel a good time was enjoyed by all.

Good work MPC! We're looking forward to next year's!

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Dec. 20: Wisconsin Yule Sabbat Festival. Contact: Circle (address above).

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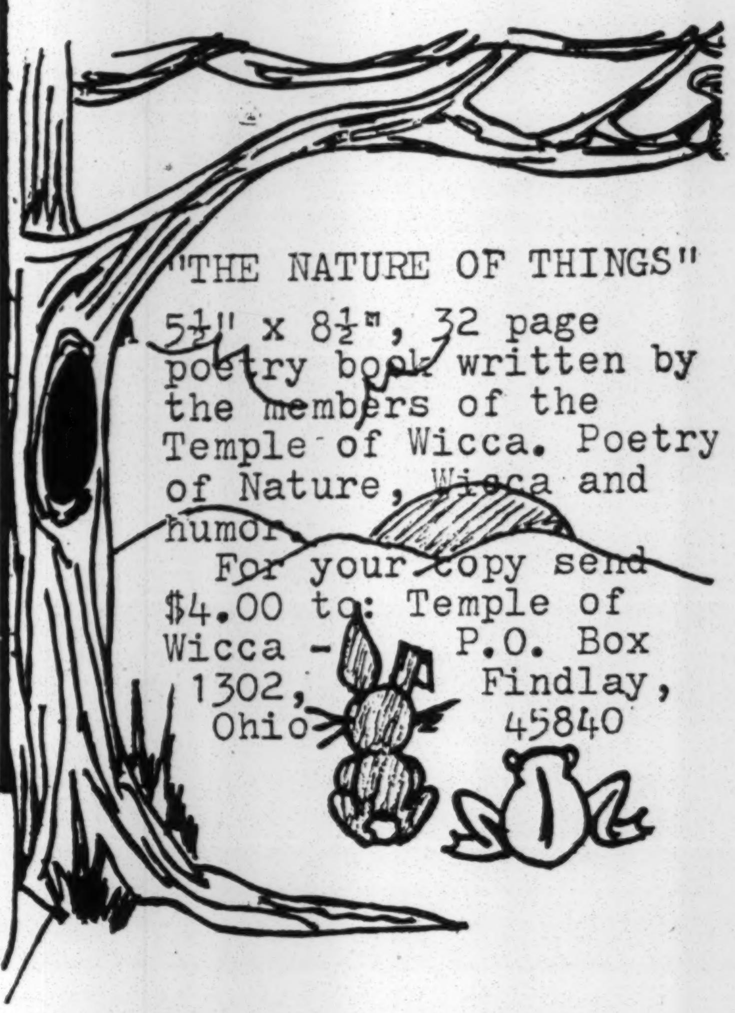

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